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"Let There Be Light"

A Thought For The Thoughtful

"And the Lord spake all these words: 'I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. . . Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. . . Six days shalt thou labor, and shalt do all thy work, but on the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work on it. . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.'—Exodus 20.

Maybe Japan Will Shoot The Works

You don't have to be an authority on international politics to figure out why the Vichy government invited Japan to occupy and "protect" French Indo-China. The Machiavellian hand of Hitler can be clearly seen in this potentially explosive move. The Vichy government is completely a pawn of the Nazis. And Hitler, who is now fighting the two-front war which he always said he would avoid, may profit materially from trouble in the Pacific. It is altogether likely that what Hitler would like to see is a full-dress war between Japan and the United States, in order to keep us from giving maximum aid to Britain.

This government's reaction to Japan's move into Indo-China was precisely what was expected. We have long been criticized for permitting oil exports to the Nipponese—and it is an ironical fact that while we have been giving our moral support and some material support to China, we have also been supplying Japan with most of the gasoline that has made the war against China possible.

From the military point of view, Japan has quite a job on her hands. The war in China seems as far from conclusion as ever, and involves a tremendous drain on Japanese resources—men as well as materials. Britain is no weakling in the Far East, and the Churchill government is taking as tough a line with Japan now as we are. In the event of actual hostilities, full naval collaboration between England and the United States will undoubtedly be immediately effected. Some think that this country should base ships at the great Singapore base now. There is little doubt that Britain would give enthusiastic permission if the right to do this were requested.

There is also talk to the effect that Hitler may persuade Japan to attack Asiatic Russia. That too would be a tough assignment. Russia is powerful in the East, and the Japanese Army isn't regarded too highly by the military experts. However, those who know the Japanese character think it very possible that the Nipponese war lords may have finally decided to shoot the works, even if that eventually involved national suicide, and the reduction of Japan to the status of a third-class power.

Liberty or Doles

"Nothing is ever going to be free in this country," wrote Paul F. Cadman, Economist of the American Bankers Association, recently. "Somebody will have to pay. To the extent to which the government dispenses bounty of all kinds and for all purposes, the burden on those who work and save will increase. When the rich, as a class, have been reduced to bankruptcy, and when the middle class have been driven to dependency, further contribution will be forced in the form of compulsory labor. The skilled will be compelled to offer their best. The unskilled will be driven to offer the little which they have, and the whip of the super-gov-

ernment will be the incentive to human effort."

That is a dark picture, but history fully justifies it. When any nation divides the wealth, the result is to multiply the poverty. The price we pay for a super-state is the ultimate complete loss of all liberty. Germany and Italy, with their slave economies, are sufficient proof of this.

Today we have government in credit, government in business, government in farming, government in all lines of endeavor. Let that trend continue and increase—as it will unless an awakened public stops it—and the future envisioned by Dr. Cadman will come true. In our search for something for nothing, we have lost sight of our traditions, of our system of free enterprise, of all that history teaches. We are destroying the sources of wealth—which means we are destroying the sources of employment and progress. That is the road to dictatorship with a vengeance. Liberty or doles—the choice is yours.

Other Editors' Comments

Not Yet

When the European war broke out on September 1, 1939, the consensus in certain circles was that the United States would be involved within a few months.

About nine months later, Norway, Holland and Belgium had been trampled down by the Nazi mechanized blitzers, and France, with her 5,000,000 trained soldiers and her Maginot line, had fallen.

Now, said the administration critics, Roosevelt will get into this thing. Germany will invade England right away and then the call for help will prove irresistible to the administration.

But Germany did not invade England. And the United States did not get into the war. It did swap 50 destroyers to Britain for new air bases in the Western Hemisphere. The months passed. The Battle of Britain was waged hot and heavy in the skies above England and the English Channel. English shipping suffered heavier and heavier losses.

The President urged more aid for Britain, proposed the passage of the lend-lease bill. This measure, said the critics, is tantamount to a declaration of war.

The bill passed months ago. Yugoslavia and Greece fell to the Nazis. Crete was taken.

We're getting closer every day, said the critics. We'll be in up to our necks by June.

June came around and was about to pass into its final week when suddenly Hitler attacked Russia.

July waxed and waned. August is now rapidly moving along. Within three weeks the second anniversary of the war shall have arrived. And we have been getting into this war "within a few months" for the past two years.

It is much too soon to say that Mr. Roosevelt, who has demonstrated remarkable ingenuity in keeping the country out of war while skating around its thin edges all along, will be able to continue this indefinitely. It is hard to play with fire without getting one's fingers scorched.

But the Roosevelt record does indicate that our ship of state is in able hands, and that if America can be adequately defended without American initiative in precipitating a shooting war, we may escape it. The trouble now is, and has been all along, that the issue does not lie entirely in our hands.—Winston-Salem Journal.

Union Hill

Union Hill, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Jessie Childers attended her uncle, Zelvin Darnell's funeral, near Roaring River last Friday.

Mrs. Horton Brooks is visiting her sister near State Road this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Wagoner spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Ruth Norman, Mrs. Wagoner's sister.

Ronna Norman and son, Scott, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Medley, of Barrett.

Miss Ruby Lee Childers spent last week with her aunt, near Roaring River.

John Combs, of West Virginia, visited his brother, E. D. Combs, last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kint Combs have moved to Richmond, Va.

Grady Norman has been selling a lot of nice peaches this last week.

Miss Mallie Tilley, who has been very sick for the last two months, is improving.

There was a baptizing at Gines Ford near Mt. Park, Sunday.

E. D. Combs, who tends the mill at Mt. Park, spent a few days at home last week.

Everybody is very busy around here doing canning.

Children's Corner

Brave Pioneer Girl
(concluded)

Soon after noon, across the hills came the blood-curdling yell of the Indian war cry. And in a very short time the little fort seemed to be surrounded by hundreds of Indians. Then the fighting began. All the rest of the day could be heard the banging of the muskets and the whizzing of the arrows. But the settlers were holding the Indians back. How they prayed that they might hold out until the soldiers came.

But early in the morning of the second day, a man from one of the towers came running to the block house.

"More powder, quick," he gasped. "Ours is all gone." Several rushed to the place where the powder was stored. It was gone. "Oh, someone has stolen our powder," they cried. They looked everywhere, but they could not find it. What should they do?

If only they could get to Colonel Zane's house. There was plenty of powder there. But how should they get it? The bullets and arrows were flying thick and fast outside the fort. Should the Indians see a man leave the stockade they would surely kill him. Because, there was not a single man that could be spared.

Betty listened with fear in her heart. She knew that if they did not get that powder, the fort would be taken by the Indians. Someone must go, and why not she? And although she was afraid, she said bravely, "I will go after the powder."

The men were horrified. "Surely you will be shot by the Indians. You cannot go."

But she begged them with tears in her eyes. "Oh, let me go. If you do not, the fort will be taken and all will be killed. Perhaps they will think that I am a squaw and think I am not worth harming. Do let me go."

Finally they consented. It was their only chance to save the fort. Opening the great heavy gates just a crack, they let Betty through. And just as fast as her little feet would carry her, she ran to the cabin down the slope. When the Indians saw her they yelled and shouted, "Squaw! Squaw!" But they did not harm her.

Her brother saw her come through the gate, and he had the door open for her. When she reached the cabin he quickly pulled her inside.

"What is the matter?" he cried. "Powder!" gasped Betty. "Quick, quick! Ours has been stolen!"

In an instant they had a keg of powder opened, and were pouring it into a table cover. Then Betty slung this over her shoulder, and out through the door she darted.

When the Indians saw her they guessed what she was carrying, and their shouts turned into angry yells. The arrows fell thick and fast around her. One grazed her cheek, another cut off a lock of her hair. Would she ever reach the fort? She was not thinking of herself. She was thinking of her people. She must save them.

She was running so fast, and was so excited, she almost missed the gate. But eager hands reached out and pulled her inside. She was safe and the powder was safe. And the battle went on.

Betty did not rest long from her hard run, but was soon back at her place filling the muskets and helping to make bullets.

The Indians were kept back for several hours, when in the distance shouts were heard. The soldiers were coming and the Indians began to run away into the woods.

The fort was saved, but it would have been burned, and all the people massacred, if it had not been for the heroic deed of Betty Zane.

Laurel Springs

Laurel Springs, August 11.—Talmadge Anderson had his tonsils removed last Friday and is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mrs. Leara Ritchie and children, Janice and Robert, of Pores Knob, and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Adams and children, Rebecca and Morgan, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., spent Wednesday afternoon with their sister, Mrs. Ada Brinegar.

Claude Brinegar, second cook at the training camp at Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Caroline Brinegar.

Several from here spent the week-end with friends and relatives at McGrady and Springfield, N. C.

Mrs. May Petty and daughters, Grace and Lola, visited Mrs. Raymond Petty at McGrady Saturday.

A foot on the brake is worth two on the accelerator.

IT'S TIME YOU KNEW — by LAWRENCE



ON 25 YEARS OF SHOW BUSINESS (SINCE 1917), EDDIE CANTOR HAS PLAYED MORE THAN 2,000 BENEFITS AND RAISED ALMOST 20 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CHARITY BY HIS OWN EFFORTS / WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE RADIO PROGRAM ON WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY APPEARING ?



THE DETERMINATION OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE CAN GIVE YOU YOUR LOCATION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD / WHEN TRAVELLING, HOW COULD YOU USE YOUR BULOVA WATCH TO DETERMINE LONGITUDE ?



THE AVERAGE FLASH OF LIGHTNING HAS ABOUT 500 TIMES AS MUCH HORSEPOWER AS ALL AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES PUT TOGETHER / WHICH COMES FIRST, LIGHTNING OR THUNDER ?

Answers will be found on Back Page

Pattern For Living

To grow a little wiser day by day,
To school my mind and body to obey,
To keep my inner life both clean and strong,
To free my life from guile, my hand from wrong,
To shut the door on hate and scorn and pride,
To open them to love, the windows wide,
To meet with cheerful words what comes to me,
To turn life's discords into harmony,
To share some weary worker's heavy load,
To point some straying comrade to the road,
To know that what I have is not my own,
To feel that I am never quite alone;
This would I pray from day to day,
For then I know my life would flow
In peace until it be God's will I go.

Paying the Bill!

Thoughtful citizens are worried these days about getting sufficient arms for defense—and also about the size of the bill!

The nation was shown recently by the W.C.T.U. what it could buy if it would translate wasted money into guns and bread, instead of using it to buy hangovers.

Placing the nation's daily liquor bill at \$9,000,000, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president of National W.C.T.U., said:

"In return neither the nation nor the drinker gets anything of value. Let's see what the nation could do with that money if it could be applied to refugee relief or to paying now — instead of in the future — for defense."

Each year's drink bill is equivalent to the cost of doing one of the following, Mrs. Smith estimated:

Feed one million Chinese refugee children for nine months; or feed 600,000 English children for six months.

Feed most of Europe's famine-threatened peoples.

Pay for 22 heavy bombers at \$400,000 each.

Almost pay for 2 destroyers.

Pay for 3 submarines.

Build one-third of a new encampment equal to Camp Blanding, Fla.

Modernize 1,125 of our 75 mm. guns at \$8,000 each.

Train completely some 600 military pilots at \$15,000 each.

Manufacture 180,000 Garand rifles at \$50 each.

Almost pay for 11,781 half-ton military trucks.

Figuring it another way, Mrs. Smith found liquor's cost each nine days equivalent to the cost of building a battleship like the newly commissioned North Carolina.

Also computed was the estimated total that grain used by American manufacturers of distilled and fermented liquors would provide more than 10,000,000 loaves of bread a day for underfed populations at home or in the shattered countries of Europe.

Federal government appropriations for non-military purposes for the fiscal year 1942 are more than twice as large as those for 1932, ten years ago.

Nile

Nile, August 11.—Mrs. A. A. Woodruff returned home last Monday from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Hash, of Piney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Wolfe, of Sparta, were visitors in Mrs. Ethel M. Maines' home Sunday, August 3.

Miss Dora E. Miller, of Winston-Salem, was guest of Mrs. A. A. Woodruff and family for several days last week.

Those visiting "Uncle" Sol and "Aunt" Eadie Willey Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Emery Edwards and son, Ernest, of Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Maines, Mrs. Sara McGrady, Misses Agnes Wolfe, Ruby Woodruff and Jeanette Poe. "Uncle" Sol and "Aunt" Eadie sat on the porch with their guests, taking part in the conversation.

They were in a reminiscent mood. "Aunt" Eadie celebrated her ninety-third birthday Monday, August 4, and some time this month they will have been married seventy-three years. There is no record of their marriage, but "Uncle" Sol, who will be ninety-three in January, 1942, recalls the fact that he was married before he was twenty because he didn't have any poll tax to pay until he had been married for a year or more. "Aunt" Eadie became "hard of hearing" sometime in May, and suddenly on the morning of her ninety-third birthday her hearing became normal again — a birthday present for which she is very thankful. We wish many more wedding anniversaries for this remarkable couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Brison McClure had as their guests last Monday Mrs. T. L. Counts, Mrs. John Ingram, George Counts and Mr. Minnick, all of Glade Springs, Va.

Lewis J. Hash, of Piney Creek, visited his cousin, Alex McCann Woodruff, Sunday.

Chester and Silver Maines, of Vox, spent Sunday with their grandfather, J. W. Maines.

USED FURNITURE BARGAINS

TERMS: One-third Down, and One Dollar a Week

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Alleghany Album

Nineteen Years Ago
From among those old copies of The Alleghany Star Mr. Bob Warden brought in to the office recently we choose one from November of 1922. That was in Volume 35 of The Star, and front page news was that "Bob Doughton wins by over 7,000 majority." The story says he was elected by the greatest majority he had ever received. He carried every county in the district, and a table shows that Alleghany county gave him 479, Alexander county, 25, Caldwell 626, Stanly 50 and Watauga 50. Iredell county gave him 3,018.

Another story says the election in Alleghany county was one of the hardest fought political battles in the history of the county. There were 2,741 votes polled as against 2,613 in 1920. The total count listed 1,509 Democratic votes and 1,176 Republican. The winners were Doughton for Congress, S. P. Graves for Solicitor, Allen Jones for the Senate and R. A. Doughton for Representative. A. F. Reeves for Clerk, E. L. McMillan for Sheriff, Hugh Halsey for Register of Deeds, H. D. Estep for Coroner, and C. G. Fender for Surveyor. Commissioners were D. C. Duncan, C. M. Reynolds, J. E. Douglass and O. O. Smith.

A grand birthday dinner had just been spread for James Dickson at his home near Scottville to celebrate his 75th birthday.

Elder W. R. Wilborn was announcing his preaching appointments. Elder Ed Davis was doing likewise.

Prof. J. M. Cheek was announcing a program for a teachers meeting to be held in Sparta. Singing was to be led by Miss Shields, and a brief address on the meaning of Nov. 11 by Bruce Hash of Piney Creek. Then Miss Mabel Lefler of Piney Creek would discuss The Teacher and The Community, and L. C. Joines of Rich Hill would tell How I Reach a Disinterested Pupil. Miss Joanna Pinnix then gave a model lesson in reading. After recess came a Sparta High School Quartet, some remarks by Supt. J. M. Cheek, a vocal solo by Miss Johnson, of Piney Creek, and a report on the Dental clinic by Dr. C. A. Reeves.

The election in New York state had carried Smith in by 500,000. And The Star editor exults that, "There was a noticeable absence of election liquor in Sparta on last Tuesday."

Hackler's were advertising Star Brand shoes, and Ford Cars were to be reduced from \$443. to \$393. "with starter and demountable rims." Plain, without those ultra refinements, the new price was \$298. Leonard C. Shores was announcing his Undertaking Parlors in the Masonic Building in the rear of the Bank of Sparta. W. G. Reeves, of Stratford, advertised his Building Materials.

Miss Myrtle Moxley, of Peden, reported a sweet potato weighing five pounds, and measuring 17 inches in length and 14 inches in diameter.

Leonard Roup has lost his N. C. license plate and tail light from his car. Please leave at Star office.

Misses Pearl and Clyde Fields entertained a number of their friends at a delightful house party last week. Those present were Ethel McNairy, Johnnie Newlin, Sarah Rutledge, Leona Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Somers, and Dick Ramsey, of Statesville, and Hort Doughton, John Burton, J. I. Cockey and Floyd Crouse.

Elder S. G. Caudill, of Statesville, accompanied by his son-in-

"Time Will Tell"
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Rules of the Road

Translating the laws into common language

Turning at Intersections

Sec. 115, Motor Vehicle Laws of N. C.—"Except as otherwise provided in this section, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the highway, and in turning shall keep as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway, and when intending to turn to the left shall approach such intersection in the lane for the traffic to the right of and nearest to the center of the highway and in turning shall pass beyond the center of the intersection passing as closely as practicable to the right thereof before turning such vehicle to the left."

In other words, when you want to make a right turn, get in the extreme right-hand lane of traffic; when you want to make a left turn, get in the traffic lane immediately to the right of the center of the street. And don't cut too short on a left turn.

In connection with the section of the motor vehicle laws, local authorities in their respective jurisdiction may modify the method of turning at intersections by clearly indicating by buttons, markers or other direction signs within an intersection the course to be followed by vehicles turning there.

Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion, August 11.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh and Mrs. J. H. Parsons spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pugh. Mrs. R. M. Pugh continues seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards, of Topia, visited relatives in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Pugh spent last Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. J. Roy Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Douglas spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith.

Mrs. Zetta Pugh spent a few days last week with her son, George Pugh.

Rev. R. N. Childress, his daughter, Dorothy Mae, and her friend, Norma Johnson, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith. They were accompanied by Bill Childress, who has been spending some time with his cousin, Thomas Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh.

law, R. E. Lowrance and wife and daughter, Miss Eura, were in Alleghany this week.

A. S. Carson returned to Raleigh Wednesday.

Rev. E. L. Myers, wife and child arrived Wednesday and are at home in the Methodist parsonage. And that was nineteen years ago.



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